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FOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO AND ASST SEC ATHERTON FROM  
AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR ENRG EG IS

SUBJECT: AMOCO OPERATIONS IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: CAIRO 8546

1. AMOCO LETTER REPORTED REFTEL UNDERSCORES URGENCY OF IMPRESSING UPON ISRAELIS THAT WE MUST COME TO A MEETING OF THE MINDS ON OIL SURVEY/DRILLING WORK IN THE GULF. AMOCO, AN AMERICAN COMPANY, SEEMS DETERMINED TO PROCEED DESPITE ISRAELI THREATS. FROM WHAT I CAN GATHER, THIS IS NOT BECAUSE OF EGYPTIAN URGING, BUT BECAUSE OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF AMOCO MONEY INVOLVED. I CANNOT JUDGE CORRECTNESS OF ISRAELI AND AMOCO VERSIONS, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IN THIS INSTANCE WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE AMERICAN COMPANY THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT, ESPECIALLY SINCE AMOCO IS PREPARED TO PRODUCE ALL THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFY AS TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE AMERICAN CAPTAIN'S ACCOUNT.

2. I WILL HAVE TO REPLY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO THE AMOCO LETTER. UNLESS YOU HAVE OTHER THOUGHTS, MY TENTATIVE THINKING IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT, INDICATE  
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THAT THIS MATTER HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION

OF SENIOR LEVELS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND  
THAT IT IS BEING DISCUSSED WITH THE ISRAEL OFFICIALS.  
I WOULD ADD THAT AMOCO IS CERTAINLY AWARE THAT THE  
USG IS NOT RPT NOT IN A POSITION TO AUTHORIZE OR FORBID  
IT TO PROCEED WITH ITS DRILLING OPERATIONS IN GULF OF  
SUEZ. THE DECISION IS ONE FOR AMOCO TO TAKE, AND  
THAT WE ASSUME IN REACHING IT DECISION, AMOCO  
WILL WEIGH ALL FACTORS, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL RISKS, INVOLVED.

3. IT WOULD OF COURSE BE BETTER IF I COULD GIVE  
AMOCO A RESPONSE THAT WE HAVE TAKEN THIS UP WITH THE  
ISRAELI AUTHORITIES AND THAT THEY HAVE AGREED NOT  
RPT NOT TO MOLEST AMERICAN REGISTRY PETROLEUM  
EXPLORATION VESSELS OPERATING IN RECOGNIZED GULF OF  
SUEZ CONCESSION AREAS.  
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